

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
September 15, 2005 - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hundt at 7:05 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilman Devine	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Carroll	absent
Supervisor Hundt	Present

TOWN CONSTABLE - JOHN CONTO

Supervisor Hundt read a prepared statement describing how John Conto brought pride and confidence to his job and how he kept everyone feeling safe and secure. John was then presented with a plaque commemorating his 24 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Amenia. After an appreciative round of applause from the audience, homemade cupcakes were passed by Erica Doyle. The new Town Constable Leon Vincent was introduced.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Hundt moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Nancy Brusie was invited to join them:

MOTION:	S/Hundt		
SECOND:	C/Russell		
ROLL CALL:	C/Carroll	- absent	C/Devine - AYE
	C/Doyle	- AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Hundt	- AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

The Board returned to regular meeting:

MOTION:	S/Hundt		
SECOND:	C/Russell		
ROLL CALL:	C/Carroll	- absent	C/Devine - AYE
	C/Doyle	- AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Hundt	- AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Hundt read Resolution #24 of 2005 authorizing the movement of funds from Contingency to Recreation Personal Services to partially cover the cost of the stipends for the dance instructor and assistant. Funds in the Recreation Personal Services account had been depleted because of the unanticipated overtime for summer camp counselors.

RESOLUTION #24 OF 2005: TRANSFER \$971.10 FROM CONTINGENCY TO RECREATION PERSONAL SERVICES

MOTION: S/Hundt

SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

Supervisor Hundt read Resolution #25 of 2005 authorizing the transfer of funds from Contingency to Bus Transportation. The unanticipated expense was created when the Summer Recreation program was extended by two weeks thus increasing the cost of bus transportation.

RESOLUTION #25 OF 2005: TRANSFER \$776.49 FROM CONTINGENCY TO BUS
TRANSPORTATION

MOTION: S/Hundt
SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

Supervisor Hundt read Resolution #26 of 2005 authorizing the movement of funds from Contingency to other line items. The Postage line is nearly depleted due to large mailings for the recreation survey and the property revaluation. The Legal Notices line has also experienced unanticipated expenditures caused by an increased number of legal notices.

RESOLUTION #26 OF 2005: TRANSFER \$4,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO POSTAGE AND
LEGAL NOTICES (\$2,000 EACH)

MOTION: S/Hundt
SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

Supervisor Hundt read Resolution #27 of 2005 authorizing the transfer of funds from Special Recreation Facilities Personal Services line to Special Recreation Facilities Supplies line. The money will be used for unanticipated ball field turf maintenance (\$1,000) and the dance and music program (piano tuning, sheet music, costumes, props, etc.).

RESOLUTION #27 OF 2005: TRANSFER \$3,000 FROM SPECIAL RECREATION FACILITIES
PERSONAL SERVICES TO SPECIAL RECREATION FACILITIES SUPPLIES

MOTION: S/Hundt
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

BUDGET SCHEDULE

Supervisor Hundt reported that all the budget worksheets had been submitted and that the budget consultant Rae D'Achille had entered it all into

her computer. Rae has worked for the state for many years and has taught municipal budgeting. The first budget meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 5:00.

WATER DISTRICT - UPDATE ON WELLS

Gary Bonds gave a status report on the new well. New well 4A will be drilled at the Lavell Road site, 50 - 60 feet away from well 4. Both wells will be tested simultaneously, and the nearby pond will be measured to see if it is affected. If the pond is affected, costly filtering will be needed.

James Napoli and two other engineers said that the Town is authorized to drill now, but is not yet authorized to distribute the water. The new well will be an 8-inch well, the same as all our other wells. The cost of sinking the steel casing will be \$28 a foot, resulting in a cost of about \$7500 to drill the well. The Town must use the lowest bidder for the steel casing but not for the drilling. Gary Bonds has received two written quotes so far. Attorney Michael Hayes suggested that the Town Board vote to approve the bids only after all written bids have been received, probably at the September 20 Special Town Board meeting.

CABLEVISION CHANNEL 22

Gary Bonds announced that Cablevision Channel 22 may be opened up to Millerton and Dover Plains. For this to happen, Amenia must run tapes from the other towns describing their events and the town supervisors must agree.

COMMUNITY DAY PICNIC

This Saturday September 17 is the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Community Picnic. Supervisor Hundt read the schedule of the many events planned for the day. In case of rain, the event will move into the Webutuck High School. Residents were advised to watch Channel 22 for last minute venue change.

ALLEN SAND & GRAVEL - PROPOSED ACQUISITION

Supervisor Hundt briefly reviewed the history and status of this project. At last week's special Town Board meeting a resolution was passed that is the first step to possible purchase of this property. The Town Board wants to get all the taxpayers' questions answered before the November 8 election and referendum vote. The property in question is approximately 67 acres and has many potential uses for the Town: transfer station (already located there), salt shed, town garage, sewer system, recreation facilities, senior citizen center, etc.

The resolution passed called for a referendum item to spend a maximum of \$800,000 as the purchase price. This would result in a 20 year bond (loan) with approximately 4.5 % interest. The cost to the Town would be about \$61,000 a year or an average of \$20 per \$100,000 assessed value for each taxpayer.

Pawling Rubber (located next to the present town garage) has expressed interest in buying the town garage property to enable the company to expand.

Darlene Reimer reassured Wassaic residents that all studies would be done to ensure that no negative effect on Wassaic would be caused if a sewage treatment facility were to be located on the Allen property. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday September 27 at 7:00 at Immaculate Conception auditorium. The meeting will be taped and broadcast on Cablevision channel 22. Speakers include experts in the field of constructed wetlands (Dr. Ron Lavigne), DEC, Tarrytown Oversight Committee, D.C. Wastewater, D.C. Legislator Margaret Fettes, and others. Darlene concluded her remarks with a quote from St. Francis

of Assisi: "Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

METRO-NORTH LIGHTING AGREEMENT

Before the Wassaic lighting project can proceed, there must be an agreement with Metro-North Railroad because some of the lights will be on their property. The terms of this agreement include an insurance policy that the Town must purchase to provide insurance while the work is being done, for about two weeks. The Town's insurance agent Byron Barnes gave a quote for the required insurance and it is quite costly. Councilwoman Doyle suggested that someone could call Terrence McCauly from Wassaic who is a Metro-North employee, and ask his opinion. Supervisor Hundt agreed to do same. Michael Hayes commented that he had other problems with the agreement, besides the insurance issue.

FIRE INSPECTION FEE - REQUEST TO WAIVE

Linda Campbell from ARC has requested a waiver of the fire inspection fee. ARC is a non-profit agency that has been providing services for disabled persons in Dutchess County for the past 30 years.

AUTHORIZE MIKE SEGELKEN TO WAIVE FIRE INSPECTION FEE FOR ARC

MOTION: S/Hundt
SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

BURNING PERMITS

Supervisor Hundt asked if the Town burning permit could be amended to add days and hours and some other restrictions. Michael Hayes said that the DEC is conducting a pilot program in Rhinebeck which allows the Town to add such restrictions.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - YELLOW CITY ROAD PROJECT

Everything is in place for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the project should start this week.

PROPERTY TAX - DUPLICATE BILL FEE

The Tax Collector Gail Hermosilla has requested authorization to charge a fee to print duplicate property tax bills for financial institutions who send in payment without the bill. Such authorization requires a local law.

AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DRAFT LOCAL LAW FOR DUPLICATE TAX BILL FEE

MOTION: C/Devine
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Doyle mentioned that the town noise ordinance has no "teeth" so it cannot be enforced. She moved to have the Town Attorney look into it:

AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE NOISE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

MOTION: C/Doyle

SECOND: S/Hundt
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Hundt - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Dog food and supplies are being collected in Town Hall between 9:00 and 5:00. These will be delivered to a shelter serving pets that are victims of the recent hurricanes.
2. A special meeting was held to discuss the rescue squad situation, that is, the increasing difficulty of staffing the squads with volunteers. Some towns are forming consortia to combine two or three companies. The Wassaic squad is down to two EMTs. Councilwoman Doyle mentioned a grant from the Foundation for Community Mental Health that has \$600,000 for "enabling access to mental health services." Northern Dutchess Paramedics have been providing back-up free of charge, but we need to reimburse them. Can we ask the grant writer to look into this grant?

TOWN BOARD REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Peace Festival and benefit concert will be this weekend. Call 1-800-PEACELINE.
2. The dance program is starting at Webutuck High School on Tuesday September 20 from 3:30 to 5:30. There will be two dress rehearsals and a performance on November 20 in the afternoon. The program still needs help with stage lighting and management.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Gail Hermosilla presented the Town Clerk Monthly Status Report (attached).

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Doyle reported on the Recreation Committee meeting where plans and schematics for Beekman Park were presented. If the Town does not get the Allen Sand & Gravel property, then we should have a fourth property to consider. How can we get the kids to the recreation sites (Beekman Park, Wassiac fields, Allen's) safely and without a car?

Peter Clair announced that the deadline for the Rec survey had been extended and that the south end of town will get their surveys soon. He also thanked Ken Pomeisl for the great job Ken did on the budget request package. Peter Clair then requested that Verizon cell tower money should go to the Recreation savings account, since more money would be needed next year.

ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Doyle reported that the Enhancement Committee is looking at their mission and focus, and would like the Town Board to set their priorities. The committee has been requested to look into the new parking lot at the base of Powderhouse Road and Old Route 22. Can this somehow be linked to the East Main St. project? The committee is also looking for new members.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Affordable Housing Committee has met with four developers. The problem is finding a location for the housing.

CPIC - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

CPIC had a couple meetings reviewing draft #2. The next meeting is September 20 at 7:00.

MINUTES

APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON 8/30/05

MOTION: S/Hundt

SECOND: C/Doyle

ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - absent C/Devine - AYE
 C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE
 S/Hundt - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Charlotte Murphy: the Hyde Park SPCA is taking in New Orleans dogs and cats that were in shelters to make room for hurricane pets. Temporary housing has been installed.
2. Jim Devine: the Lion's Club walk will be held September 24 at 1:00.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hermosilla,
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: [date]
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Town Clerk Monthly Status Report for August 2005
September 15, 2005

Regular Monthly Activity:

Dog licenses	6
Marriage licenses	4
Marriage certified copies	10
Birth certificate copies	1
Death certificate copies	13
Zoning books sold	2
Miscellaneous copies	111
Transfer station permits	13
Bulk permits sold	34
Transfer station coupon books	187
Burning permits issued	9
FOILs received	2
Legal notices/public hearing sent	1
Handicap parking permits	12

As a result of this activity, we gave the Supervisor \$ 5,627 for the month of August.

Other activity

1. Recreation survey. We are continuing to collect the completed survey forms. The deadline to submit surveys has been extended to the end of October.
2. The Town Clerk attended the County Senior Citizen picnic at Wassaic firehouse today and passed out Absentee Ballots and Voter Registration forms.

Hunting Licenses

Hunting licenses went on sale Monday August 15 and we issued 31 licenses in August. The deadline for the Deer Management Permit (DMP) is October 1. This year the DEC is adding 2 days at the beginning of the hunting season which will start on Saturday November 19 (instead of Monday).

Voter Registration / Absentee ballots

If anyone is in need of a Voter Registration form, it can be picked up at Town Hall. In order to vote in the November 8 election, you must register by Friday, October 14.

We also have application forms for Absentee Ballots. We encourage anyone who may be out of town on Election Day, November 8 to take advantage of the absentee ballot opportunity.

Both Voter Registration forms and Absentee Ballots will be available this Saturday September 17 at the community picnic. Look for the special table.

Election Inspectors

We want to thank the 12 election inspectors who worked for the primary election.

School's open, please drive carefully

Please note that the speed limit in front of Amenia Elementary School on Route 22 has been lowered to 25 m.p.h. during school hours.
Thank you.

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